

D-241
Antioch United Methodist Church
Cambridge vicinity
1915

The Antioch United Methodist Church, historically identified as the Antioch M. E. Church South, stands in a mature grove of oak trees along Town Point Road west of Cambridge. The single-story weatherboard frame church, enhanced by a series of pointed arch Gothic Revival entrance and lancet windows, retained a well preserved interior with grained beaded board wainscoting and a pressed metal ceiling. Enhancing the period interior are early twentieth century pews and Victorian altar furniture. The church, erected in 1915, stands on the same site as an earlier 1855 structure that burned. The congregational history dates back to the first decade of the nineteenth century. In 1861, the Antioch membership decided to align itself with the Methodist Episcopal Church South due to differences in opinion on the institution of slavery.

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of

Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. D-241

1. Name of Property

(indicate preferred name)

historic Antioch M.E. Church South
other Antioch United Methodist Church

2. Location

street and number 1742 Town Point Road not for publication
city, town Cambridge vicinity
county Dorchester

3. Owner of Property

(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Trustees of Antioch United Methodist Church
street and number 1742 Town Point Road telephone 410-228-0996
city, town Cambridge state MD zip code 21613

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Dorchester County Clerk of Court liber 3 folio 700
city, town Cambridge tax map 40 tax parcel 63 tax ID number 176996

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other:

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Contributing 1
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> defense	Noncontributing buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	sites
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	1
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	2
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

7. Description

Inventory No. D-241

Condition

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Antioch United Methodist Church, historically Antioch M. E. Church South, is located at 1742 Town Point Road, west of Cambridge, Dorchester County, Maryland. The single-story Gothic Revival frame church, erected in 1915, is supported on an infilled brick pier foundation, and the exterior is sheathed with plain weatherboard siding. The steeply pitched gable-front roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The church faces south with the gable roof oriented on a north/south axis. The interior retains much of its early twentieth-century character including vertical board wainscoting, a pressed metal ceiling and late Victorian pews and altar furniture. Joining the church on the lot is a mid twentieth century single story concrete block church hall and a cemetery with burials dating from the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

Built in 1915 on the site of an earlier 1855 church that burned, this single-single story, three-bay by three-bay gable front frame structure is supported on infilled brick pier foundation. Plain concrete block fills the spaces between the brick piers. Fixed to the front of the church is a poured concrete entrance stoop with a handicapped ramp descending to the right side. The exterior retains its original early twentieth century weatherboard siding, and the pointed arch windows have opaque glass with a pebbled surface. Attached to the back of the church is shorter single story apse, which was extended further with a small concrete block addition housing mechanical equipment.

The south (main) elevation is a symmetrical three-bay façade with a center double door entrance and flanking pointed arch windows filled with opaque, pebble surface glass. The entrance has a set of mid twentieth century double doors which are topped by a pointed arch transom of the same opaque glass. Piercing the gable front of the church is a circular window filled with amber colored opaque glass. The edges of the roof are finished with an extended eave and sloped soffits.

The east and west side elevations are three bays across with pointed arch windows marking each bay. The windows are filled with opaque glass as well. The north wall is partially covered by the single-story apse, which has a narrow pointed arch windows in each side. The back wall of the apse is covered by a shorter single story concrete block addition that houses mechanical equipment.

The interior of the church has seen little change since the early twentieth century. The floors are covered yellow pine tongue-and-groove boards, and the perimeter of the sanctuary is fitted with vertical beaded board wainscoting covered with an yellow ochre color graining. The white plaster walls rise to a ceiling of pressed metal that follows the bottom contour of the rafters and collar beams. The altar at the north end of the sanctuary is raised and is furnished with late Victorian chairs and pulpit. A Victorian organ is located in the northwest corner.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____	

Specific dates 1808, 1855

Architect/Builder

Construction dates 1915

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register☐ Maryland Register☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

The Antioch United Methodist Church on Town Point Neck is a well preserved early twentieth frame structure influenced by the Gothic Revival. The single-story gable-front frame structure features narrow pointed arch windows and double door entrance, which constitute the main stylistic references on its exterior. The church, erected in 1915, stands on the site of a 1855 structure that burned. The congregation traces its organization back of the first decade of the nineteenth century. At the start of the Civil War, the Town Point congregation aligned itself with the Methodist Episcopal Church South denomination due to the split in opinions on slavery across the conference and nation.

The Antioch M. E. Church South is an important historical and architectural reference on Town Point Neck as one of the few churches in this immediate vicinity west of Cambridge. The church is joined on the lot by a cemetery with burials dating to the early nineteenth century. A mature stand of oak surround the church and cemetery as well as a single story concrete block church hall erected during the mid twentieth century.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Inventory No. D-241

Dorchester County Land Records, various volumes.

Hallman, E. C. *The Garden of Methodism*. The Peninsula Conference of the United Methodist Church, 1948.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 62,290 square feet
Acreage of historical setting 62,290 square feet
Quadrangle name Church Creek, MD 1982 Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The metes and bounds of this property are coincidental with the current boundary of the lot.

11. Form Prepared by

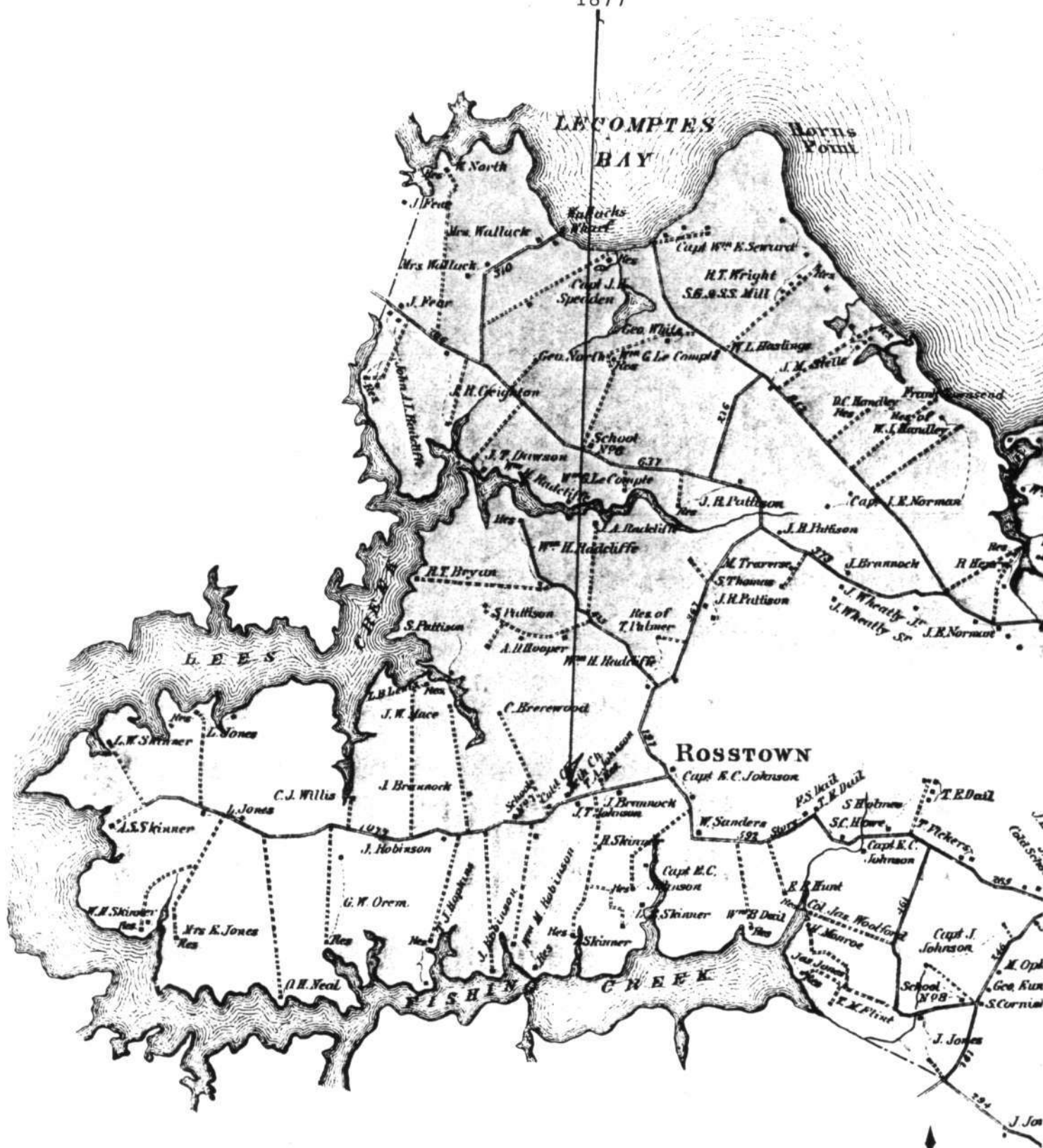
name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian		
organization	Chesapeake Country Heritage & Preservation	date	10/1/2007
street & number	P. O. Box 5	telephone	410-651-1094
city or town	Westover	state	Maryland 21871

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DHCD/DHCP
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
410-514-7600

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Lake, Griffing and Stevenson,
1877

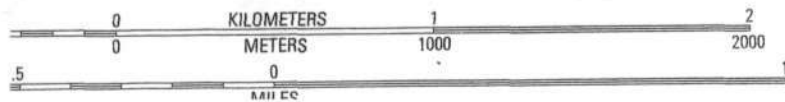


CAMBRIDGE



D-241, Antioch U. M. Church
 Church Creek, MD Quadrangle
 1982

SCALE 1:24 000



RO/
 Primary highway,
 hard surface
 Secondary highway,
 hard surface



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ANTIOCH M. E. CHURCH
CAMBRIDGE VIC., DORCHESTER Co., MD
SOUTH ELEVATION

9/07, PAUL TOWNST, PHOTOGRAPHER
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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON: <u>Antioch M. E. Church</u>				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>Town Point Road</u>				
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Cambridge</u>				
STATE: <u>Maryland</u>		COUNTY: <u>Dorchester</u>		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC	
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____ _____
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: <u>Antioch Methodist Church</u>				
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>RFD 1</u>				
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Cambridge</u>		STATE: <u>Maryland</u>		<u>21613</u>
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: <u>Dorchester County Courthouse</u>				
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>High Street</u>				
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Cambridge</u>		STATE: <u>Maryland</u>		<u>21613</u>
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): <u>003/700</u>				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is a small frame Methodist chapel, one story, three bays wide and three bays deep, with an "A" roof, constructed on yellow brick piers, which were later filled with concrete block. The walls are covered with weatherboarding and the windows have Miter arches. The gable facade has a central double door with a transom. The transom also having a Miter arch and it is flanked with two windows, the peaks of which are all even. In the gable itself is a small round window.

On the north side of the center window of the lateral walls, on each side of the building is a chimney built of yellow brick. It is the only use of yellow brick that I have seen so far in this part of the country. The building was probably constructed around 1890's. Many of the grave stones appear to date from that period, but the earliest grave stone appears to date from 1850. It is set in a rather handsome grove of Oak trees and on the property beside the grave yard is a concrete block whitewashed parish house.

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B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | losophy | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | itarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Antioch Church is the only house of worship on Town Point. It is typical of the chapels built in the late 19th century in Dorchester County.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

Michael Bourne, Architectural Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

May, 1975

STREET AND NUMBER:

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

CITY OR TOWN:

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

21401

12.

State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature

12x1-55

50%

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Antioch Church

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M. Bourne May 1975